



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EMSB PARENTS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM OF JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, 3030 VILLERAY, MONTREAL
ON THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

EMSB PARENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

PRESENT

ACSES	Viviane Zabbel	Lester B. Pearson	Alt	Joe Biunno
Carlyle	Serena Caplette	Mackay		Joanne Charron
Cedarcrest	Raymond Ayas	Merton		Michael Gonshor
Dalkeith	Marietta Damiano	MIND		Francine Cytrynbaum
Dante	Joseph Varga	Michelangelo		Pietro Mercuri
Dunrae Gardens	Joseph Bondi	Nesbitt		Alirio Ferreira
East Hill	Adrienne Taylor	Our Lady of Pompei		Anthony Cristofaro
Edinburgh	Caroline Phaneuf	Pierre de Coubertin	Alt	Steve Assaf
Edward Murphy	Nadia Riley	Pierre E. Trudeau		Marie-Helene Bedard
General Vanier	Jason Trudeau	Roslyn		Catherine Forbes
Gerald McShane	Franco Mazzariello	Royal Vale		Mark Ellenbogen
Hampstead	Katherine Korakakis	Royal West		Norm Gharibian
Honore Mercier	Alt Tony Campione	Sinclair Laird		Amanda Liste
John Caboto	Sonia Pecora	St. Dorothy		Milan Cardone
John F. Kennedy	Johnny Leoci	St. Monica		Andrew Ross
John Grant	Sabrina Lawrence	Vincent Massey		Robert Soroka
LINKS	Samantha Dudok	Westmount Park		Sophie Antippa
Laurier Macdonald	Isabelle Baas	Westmount		Antonio Crespo
Leonardo da Vinci	Tony Speranza	Willingdon		Lucas Reindler

REGRETS/ABSENT

Bancroft	Stephanie Keating	Laurenhill		Melvin Shantz
Coronation	Ravi Kiran Singh Chevvan	Lester B Pearson		Benny Berneti
Elizabeth Ballantyne	Maria Orjuela	Marymount		Sherlyn Figueira
FACE	Alyssa Kuzmarov	Parkdale		Caleigh Saucier
Gardenview	Daniel Tatone	Philip E. Layton		Fatima Qureshi
Honore Mercier	Joseph Di Liello	Pierre de Coubertin		Brunella Fata
James Lyng	Shoshanna Ruttner	Rosemount		Costa Carrara
John Paul I	Sophie De Vito	St. Gabriel		Mubeenah Mughal
		St. Raphael		Tanya Fabrizi

ALSO PRESENT:

John Pevec, Regional Director, East Sector
 Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant
 David Benoit, GB Chair, St. Gabriel
 Torina Cunsolo, GB Chair, John Paul I
 George Varelas, Parent, Gardenview

GUESTS:

Ann Marie Di Silva, Consultant, EMSB
 Jaimie Quinn, Consultant, EMSB

1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS (1 MIN)

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (1 MIN)

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Amanda Liste and unanimously resolved that the agenda be accepted with the following additions;

6.3 Connected and Alone

6.4 School Board Elections

6.5 Protection of Students Personal Information and Parental Consent

Vote: 31-0-0 Motion Carried (C. Forbes, M. Ellenbogen, S. Antipp, S. Assaf, M. Gonshour, L. Reindler & J. Trudeau not present)

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

David Benoit, GB Chair from St. Gabriel brought to the members a concern about information being hacked in light of recent events and made the members aware that the Ministry has asked the Boards to implement a plan for protection. (see attached document)

7:20 p.m. C. Forbes and M. Ellenbogen arrived

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 5, 2018 (2 MIN)

It was moved by Amanda Liste, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and resolved that the minutes be adopted as presented.

Vote: 28-0-5 Motion Carried (S. Antipp, S. Assaf, M. Gonshour, L. Reindler & J. Trudeau not present)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 SEX EDUCATION

Ann Marie de Silva and Jaimie Quinn presented to the members the plan for the sex education course.

7:25 p.m. S. Antipp, S. Assaf, M. Gonshour and L. Reindler arrived

A lot of the content is already being taught at school it will just be spread out differently between cycles.

7:29 p.m. J. Trudeau arrived

The members had an opportunity to ask questions.

8:49 p.m. R. Soroka left.

5.2 PARENT CONFERENCE- UPDATE AND VOLUNTEERS

The conference is full and registration is closed. If any members are interested in volunteering on Saturday please left Norm Gharibian know.

5.3 MEETING WITH COUNCIL- TOPICS

The chair advised the members that the Council is looking to invite GB chairs and delegates to a town hall type event at the end of May to discuss how the Board should use the money being given by the MEES for infrastructure. Something should go out next week.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 CONSULTATION: THREE YEAR PLAN

The members briefly discussed and asked question on the document. A concern was raised on whether the Board could look at how they evaluate the way in which the buildings are used. It was clarified that these are Ministry standards and all Boards need to evaluate space in this manner.

9:41 p.m. L. Reindler left.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri seconded by Katherine Korakakis and unanimously resolved that the Three Year Plan be accepted.

Vote: 36-0-0

Motion Carried

6.2 ALLOCATIONS FOR MEMBERS

It was moved by Katherine Korakakis seconded by Isabelle Baas and unanimously resolved that the allocation for members be 15\$ per meeting and the remaining balance be divided between the members.

Vote: 36-0-0

Motion Carried

9:49 p.m. A. Ferreira left.

6.3 CONNECTED AND ALONE

See attached flyer for information on workshop being offered.

6.4 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Following a brief discussion on the possible postponement of the elections in November 2018 and following all the work that has been done for the elections in the past and presently and following the other Boards parents committees the members discussed maintaining the elections for November 2018.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri seconded by Raymond Ayas and resolved that the EMSBPC take a position to maintain the elections for November 2018 and communication via the chair to the Council that they lobby and petition the Government to move forward with the elections.

Vote: 26-0-9

Motion Carried

It was moved by Andrew Ross seconded by Sophie Antippa and unanimously resolved that the remaining items be tabled and the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Vote: 35-0-0

Motion Carried

6.5 PROTECTION OF STUDENTS PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PARENTAL CONSENT

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION PLAN

7.2 PARENT COMMISSIONER SUBCOMMITTEE

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

8.2 TREASURER'S REPORT

8.3 EPCA REPORT

9. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 EDUCATION COMMITTEE

9.2 EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

9.3 FINANCE COMMITTEE

9.4 ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

See report from S. Dudok.

9.5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

9.6 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10. SCHOOL REPORTS (PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS)

(ANY MEMBER MAY SHARE CONCERNS OR ASK QUESTIONS)

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

12. SECOND QUESTION PERIOD (8 MIN)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13.1 REGULAR MEETING

Next meeting is on Thursday June 7th at 6:30 pm at St. Pius X Culinary Institute.

13.2 EXECUTIVE MEETING

To be Determined.

14. ADJOURNMENT (1 MIN)

It was moved by Andrew Ross seconded by Sophie Antippa, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Vote: 35-0-0

Motion Carried

Sonia Pecora
Chairperson

Brigida Sellato
Consultant/Secretary

Protection of Student Information, and Parental Consent for use of Online Services

Legal Framework

- Canada: PIPEDA - for private orgs
- Canada: Privacy Act - for public orgs
- Quebec: A-2.1 - for public orgs
- Quebec: P-39.1 - for private orgs
- USA: COPPA
- EU: GDPR

Threats:

- Similar to the photo policy, online profile information can be harmful when shared
 - ex: custody battles
- Profiles of children are highly valued, and can cause serious harm to credit
 - CMU Study: 51 times more likely to be used for synthetic fraud
 - “disturbing evidence that identity thieves are targeting children due to the unique value of unused Social Security numbers” - SSN is specific to US, but threat is worldwide
- Children are targets of Child Pornography and Sex Trafficking
 - The trend is actually that more of these are going unprosecuted - only 40% of cases ever result in a charge being laid. More resources are needed by police, but better protection is warranted by parents, teachers, schools, and boards.
- Data breaches happen ALL THE TIME
 - The list referenced below is 15 pages long, and is for just last month!
 - Protecting infrastructure is expensive and time consuming
 - Education sphere tends to be low/non-profit, without the resources to spend on it
 - What happened at Facebook was NOT against the rules!

General Guidelines:

- Consent:
 - Parents must provide clear consent for each online service used.
 - Consent must be clear, unambiguous, verifiable, and specific.
 - Parents must have the ability to review all services used by their children, and what information was shared (if any)
 - Parents must have the ability to revoke consent for any/all services, resulting in immediate deletion of any associated online account.
- Information Shared:
 - Track: All services used by students should be clearly tracked - there should never be a service used that doesn't have a record of consent, and a record of when the student started and stopped using the service.
 - Minimize: Ideally NO information is required to use an online service - i.e. an account is not required. If a profile is required, using a pool of pseudo anonymous account names

should be the first choice. If that isn't possible, a nickname is preferable to a real name, and using a picture is better than a nickname. Many education focussed services operate this way, but not all. There is nothing to stop teachers from using other services, which may be useful, but are not expressly designed for educational purposes.

- Social: Components of services like duolingo involve social interaction - such as group discussions of translations, etc. These are common vectors for luring children into dangerous situations. These usually have no controls, and no oversight.
- Support:
 - Teachers want to be innovative and use new tools to support students
 - Teachers need to know that the services they want to use are well structured - following the laws, not requiring any identifiable information for students, etc. A collaborative space where teachers and board resources can share information about how specific services should be used could work well.
 - Having policies about what information can be shared on specific sites will serve to minimize panic when data breaches at online services occur. Parents, teachers, and the board will all know what risk is posed.
- Track:
 - Compliance: Keep track of changes to Terms of Service and Privacy policies for each service used. Re-check whenever new features are released.
 - Tracking: Services are required to notify their users in cases of data breaches. When these occur, notification should be sent to all parents detailing what information may have been compromised.
 - Test: Many sites may have good policies, but may ignore the law. There are numerous examples of companies that break child information protection laws. Test each online service to make sure that it meets expectations.
- Delete:
 - When profiles are no longer required, delete them.
 - When parents revoke consent.

An Incomplete List of Resources:

- <https://www.javelinstrategy.com/node/59561>
- http://www.cai.gouv.qc.ca/documents/inforoute_eng.pdf
- <http://www.cylab.cmu.edu/files/pdfs/reports/2011/child-identity-theft.pdf>
- <https://www.wearethorn.org/child-sexual-exploitation-and-technology/>
- <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2009001/article/10783-eng.htm>
- <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2009001/article/10783-eng.pdf>
- <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/images/breach/2018/ITRCBreachReport2018.pdf>



CONNECTED & ALONE

Ometz presents

PEARL LEIBOVITZ CLINICAL DAY

FEATURING DR. JEAN TWENGE

As social media and texting connect the current generation of children and adolescents, we are seeing a corresponding unprecedented rise in levels of loneliness.

Dr. Jean Twenge, the internationally recognized psychologist and researcher on adolescence and technology, discusses loneliness and its relation to anxiety and depression. She offers up-to-date research and strategies that address the psychological, educational, and counselling issues faced by professionals and their clients.

This conference will be of interest to counsellors, social workers, psychologists, school administrators, and educators, as well as professionals in the technology field, who are worried about the part we all play in our "new" world.

**TUESDAY
MAY 15, 2018
9:00 A.M TO 3:00 P.M.**

\$150/person
\$50/student

Light breakfast &
lunch included

Register now!
www.ometz.ca/plcd

Shaare Zion Congregation | 5575 Côte Saint Luc Road, Montreal

Cette activité de formation continue en psychothérapie est reconnue par l'Ordre des psychologues du Québec
No de reconnaissance OPQ : RE02457-18

Ometz presents

BETTY AND BERNARD S. SHAPIRO FAMILY LECTURE SERIES

FEATURING DR. JEAN TWENGE

Our kids are more connected, more lonely and more anxious than ever!

Dr. Jean Twenge, the internationally recognized psychologist and researcher on adolescence and technology, offers up-to-date research and tips that may make a difference in how we interact with our phones and each other. This free public lecture will help us understand the effects of our smartphones on our families, relationships, and behaviour.

**MONDAY
MAY 14, 2018**

7:30 P.M.
FREE!

Register now!
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A must-attend for parents and their teens!

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At the approval of the minutes the Advisory committee was informed that Todd Roberts from EMSB Parents Committee is no longer a member of the committee.

4.1 ETP Funding adjustment in vocational training for 2016/2017

The allocation received is of 35 million not 36 million as it should. Due to a clerical error the ministry had to cut 1 million dollars. This will affect the surplus results for the year 2016/17.

Mr. Cosmo Della Rocca explained a mistake was made concerning 79 student files. He assured the committee that he will be doing all the necessary steps to rectify the situation since the board provided the services to those students and it has all the documentation required.

4.2 Galileo Adult Education parking lot update.

The city did not call a meeting. There are no updates at the moment.

4.3 Centre Administration of Des Grandes Prairies.

The AEVS Advisory Committee was presented with four different scenarios for the administration of the Des Grandes Prairies Facility. After discussing and taking all considerations, the AEVS Advisory choose option number two (Des Grandes prairies as part of Laurier MAC. All EPTS would go to Laurier MAC, with no additional administrator required) to be reviewed by the Council of Commissioners.

The meeting lost quorum after point 4.3. The topics after we're discuss and are being forward to the board.

4.4 Authorization request to the ministry of education.

The AEVS is asking for two authorizations to the ministry of education for approval.

- High pressure welding to complete the welding program where students can take both programs welding and high pressure welding which involves some under water welding. The rubric for it was completed and there is demand for people to work in this area.
- Authorization for pharmacy, we have a provisional authorization that is expiring. We asked last year with no answer from the ministry so we are asking again this year to extend the authorization. If this fails we need to ask the neighboring board Lester B. Pearson to do an entente with us for pharmacy since we don't want to lose this program.

4.5 Agreement between Lester B. Pearson School Board and English Montreal School Board

Lester B. Pearson is asking to do an entente with us so they can offer one class of computer graphics. Mr. Della Rocca favors to give them the authorization.

5. Director's report.

Budget rules have impacted the AEVS department, one rule in particular that has to do with international students, their pricing and how it will affect the board. This subject will be discussed further in the next meeting since the document was received the day before and more time is needed to study.

Community organizations. Mr. Della Rocca is working on how to renew our entente. It is a significant amount of money for the organizations. At the next advisory meeting, he will bring information and strategies on how to renew and continue to receive this revenue. To have an idea what the community organizations meant to us last year number, the gross was 15 million, expenses 5 million, net 10 million. It is a significant part of the surplus.

Samanta Dudok
AEVS observer
Delegate L.I.N.K.S High School.